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SUBJ: NATO STUDY OF SECURITY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE
ECONOMIC SITUATION

REFS: A) STATE 135885; B) USNATO 2208; C) STATE 101659;
D) USNATO 3123; E) STATE 12084

1. REF A SAID DEPARTMENT WAS STRUCK BY EASE WITH WHICH U.S.
PAPER ON SECURITY AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC SITUATION
WAS ACCEPTED BY ALLIES, AND WONDERED WHETHER THIS REFLECTED ALLIED
ENTHUSIASM OR INDIFFERENCE TOWARD IDEAS EXPRESSED AND CONSUL-
TATION PROCESS.

2. MAIN ALLIED CONSULTATION THUS FAR ON THE U.S. PAPER HAS
TAKEN PLACE IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. THESE CONSULTATIONS LASTED
THREE MONTHS. AS MISSION HAS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THE ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS ELICITED PARTICIPATION BY ALL ALLIES IN
DISCUSSION OF ISSUES INVOLVED, AND INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON ECONOMIC TRENDS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR ALLIANCE (REF B).

3. SPC WOULD NORMALLY HAVE HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF THE PAPER,
AND THIS WAS THE DESIRE OF SOME DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY CANADA.
HOWEVER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C, MISSION WORKED TO EXPEDITE
SPC DISCUSSION, AND TO HAVE THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN-
DEPTH ON THE STUDY IN NAC FOLLOWING THE SUMMIT MEETING. ALLIED
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WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF CONSULTATION ON SECURITY
AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF ECONOMIC SITUATION IS REGISTERED
IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE COVER NOTE (AC/127-D/508), WHICH STATES
THAT THE COMMITTEE INTENDS TO REVIEW THE REPORT AT REGULAR

INTERVALS.

4. DEPARTMENT, IN REF C, STATED IT WISHED TO LEAVE OPEN WHETHER THE IN-DEPTH EXCHANGE IN THE NAC AFTER THE SUMMIT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN REINFORCED NAC OR AMONG PERMREPS. THE NAC DISCUSSION OF THE PAPER IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 25. WE BELIEVE U.S. SHOULD STRIVE AT THIS MEETING FOR WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED, USING THE PAPER AS BACKGROUND, RATHER THAN SUGGESTING FURTHER REFINEMENTS OF THE PAPER.

5. MISSION WILL REQUIRE BRIEF U.S. COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT FOR USE BY AMBASSADOR BRUCE AT JUNE 25 NAC. SUCH COMMENT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SINCE THIS IS A U.S. INITIATIVE, AND U.S. SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NAC DISCUSSION TO INDICATE CONTINUING INTEREST. AT JUNE 25 NAC DISCUSSION, U.S. ALSO SHOULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON FURTHER ALLIANCE WORK ON THIS SUBJECT. RE FURTHER WORK BY NATO COMMITTEES, IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR U.S. TO ENDORSE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE INTENTION TO REVIEW THE PAPER AT REGULAR INTERVALS.

(U.S. IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE COULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EVENTUAL WORK ON SPECIFIC ISSUES). U.S. MAY, HOWEVER, HAVE IDEAS FOR FUTURE WORK WHICH IT WISHES TO STATE IN NAC. IF U.S. WISHED TO RECOMMEND AT JUNE 25 NAC A REINFORCED NAC MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT, THE EARLIEST TIME SUCH A MEETING COULD CONVENIENTLY TAKE PLACE WOULD BE IN THE FALL.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE, IN LIGHT OF COMMENT IN PARA 5, BY MONDAY, JUNE 23. STREATOR

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